

**Board Adopted Resolution  
(Affirmed; 2019 Annual Meeting)**

**ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY**

**Resolution 01.2019-14  
(A-19)**

Introduced by: David J. Palmer, M.D. and A. Jay Chauhan, D.O., ISMS Members

Subject: Topical Operating Room or Emergency Department Medications  
for Post-discharge Patient Use

Referred to: Council on Medical Service

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RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) work with the Chicago Medical Society (CMS) to pursue legislation amending the Illinois Pharmacy Practice Act (IPPA) to state that topical antibiotic, anti-inflammatory, dilation, and glaucoma drops and/or ointments used in the Hospital, Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center (ASTC) operating room (OR) or hospital emergency department (ED) from stored stock supplies on standby, retrieved from a dispensing system, or brought in from an outside pharmacy, may be provided on discharge to a specific patient \*(Footnote); and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS work with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to ensure that Hospitals, Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers (ASTC), and Emergency Department are in compliance with the IPPA to properly counsel, label, and dispense applied, unlabeled operating and emergency room-derived topical medications to patients on discharge \*\*(Footnote); and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS work with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) to incorporate the amendments made in the IPPA regarding topical OR or ED medications for postoperative patient use into their policies in Illinois as well as in other states whose Pharmacy Practice Acts include similar amendments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS continue to promote measures to reduce medicine waste, reinforce facility adherence to IPPA regulations and educate the public and health care providers about the benefits and cost-savings to patients.